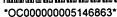


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

 Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$156.
 - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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Docket Number:

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Title:

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PLAYING AND CONTROLLING A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To file Missing Parts of Application mailed on May 30, 2000, filing date granted, applicant submits the following documents for filing in the above-referenced patent application:

- 1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, filing date granted, mailed on May 30, 2000;
- 2. An executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form;
- 3. An executed Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status;
- 4. A copy of Form PTO-1595 and Assignment document being filed simultaneously with Box Assignment; and
- 6. Return Postcard.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the required fee of \$65.00 (surcharge fee) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e), the required fee of \$345.00 (basic filing fee) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a), the required fee of \$78.00 (2 independent claims over 3) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b), for a total charge to our deposit account of \$488.00. These fees represent the small entity status of this application.

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No additional fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any additional costs or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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